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1. THE EC COMMISSION APPROVED ON JUNE 11 THREE COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, ON:
A) THE PURSUIT OF THE DIALOGUE BEGUN AT THE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING OF APRIL ;
B) COMMODITY AGREEMENTS DESIGNED TO LIMIT EXCESSIVE PRICE FLUCTUATIONS;
C) INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE FIELD OF STABILIZATION OF EXPORT EARNINGS.

2. THESE PAPERS WERE GIVEN UNUSUAL PUBLICITY, IN THE FORM OF A PRESS CONFERENCE BY COMMISSIONER SIMONET; AND THE COMMISSION HAS INFORMALLY GIVEN US COPIES.

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3. THE PAPERS FLOW FROM THE COMMISSION'S BASIC RAW MATERIALS

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PAPER OF MAY 21(REFTEL); FROM THE SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS REGARDING THE
RESUMPTION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING; AND FROM THE ACTIONS'
OF THE OECD MINISTERIAL.

4. THE FIRST PAPER, SAID TO BE DRAFTED BY WELLENSTEIN, THE COMMISSION'S DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS, NOTES THAT THE NEW ORIENTATION OF THE PREPARATORY MEETING IS IN ACCORD WITH THE POSITION TAKEN AT THE DUBLIN SUMMIT. THE PAPER DEALS AT SOME LENGTH WITH ENERGY,AND THE TACTICS OF ESTABLISHING A DIALOGUE WITH THE PRODUCERS. IT ALSO DISCUSSES RELATIONS WITH LDCS, EMPHASIZING THE NEED FOR GREATER AID, A REORIENTATION OF AID TO THE POOREST, AND SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FOOD NEEDS. THE PAPER REGARDS THE THIRD PANEL OF THE TRYPTIQUE RAW MATERIALS, AS HAVING BEEN COVERED BY THE COMMUNICATION OF MAY 21. THE COMMISSION CONCLUDES BY PROPOSING THAT THE COUNCIL, NO LATER THAN THE "EUROPEAN COUNCIL" (SUMMIT) OF JULY 16/17, DECIDE ON THE APPROACH THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE IN THE DIALOGUE, BASED ON THIS PAPER AND THAT OF MAY 21.

5. THE OTHER TWO PAPERS FLESH OUT PROPOSALS MADE IN THE MAY 21 PAPER.

6. FULL SUMMARIES OF THE THREE PAPERS ARE BEING SENT BY SEPTELS. WE HAVE ALSO CABLED A SUMMARY OF A COMMISSION COMMUNICATION ON THE RELATED SUBJECT OF THE POSITION THE COMMUNITY SHOULD TAKE IN THE UN SPECIAL SESSION. GREENWALD

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